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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a UK/Northern Ireland notification of a draft Statutory Regulation amending the Bread and Flour Regulations (2024/7003/XI)

The UK authorities for Northern Ireland presented the draft measure that amends ‘The Bread and Flour Regulations’, amongst others, by providing for the mandatory fortification of non-wholemeal wheat flour with folic acid. During the exchange of views, one Member State asked clarifications on how the work on the setting of harmonised maximum amounts of vitamins and minerals in food that is currently ongoing at Union level will impact the notified draft measure.

The UK replied that due to the mutual recognition clause provided for in the notified draft measure it will not conflict with future Union rules on maximum amounts of vitamins and minerals in food. The Commission added that existing national rules in Northern Ireland will have to be aligned with the new Union rules when adopted.

The Commission took note of the exchanges concerning the notified measure and informed that the assessment of the notified draft is ongoing. The standstill period ends on 9 August 2024.

M.01 Request from Ireland – for clarification on whether the UK flour, fortified in accordance with the notified measure, and the final food made of it can legally be placed on the EU market Questions regarding UK changes to Bread and Flour Regulations

The Commission confirmed that the UK fortified flour and final products made of it can be placed on the EU market, provided that they comply with the labelling requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on food information to consumers.

M.02 Request from Belgium – for an update on the agenda point of the AGRIFISH Council of 27 May 2024 on the revision of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011

Belgium informed the Committee that a letter from the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister was sent to Commissioner Kyriakides on 9 May 2024 strongly encouraging the Commission to make the impact assessment on origin labelling available as soon as

possible in order to allow a more transparent dialogue with stakeholders. The Commission explained that the Commissioner will address the point during the AGRIFISH Council of 27 May 2024.